Railway Stations Vulnerable to Terrorist Attacks

2088. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to identify the railway stations in various Zones which are vulnerable to terrorist attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to meet any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of some of the stations are given below:

Howrah, Sealdah, Dhanbad, Asansol, Gaya, Patna, Mughalsarai, Daltonganj, Gomoh, Barkakana, Garwa Road, chechaki, Chowdhurybandh, Koderma, Parsabad, Hendigir, Ray, Tori, Delhi, Ambala cantt, Krukshetra, Jagadhari, Paniput, Hissar, Jakhal, Dabwali, Chandigarh, Aligarh, Tundla, Jammu, Kathua, Alipurdwar, Guwahati, Rangiya, Lumding, Srirampur, Chetalya, Macherla, Secunderabad, Araku, Palasa, Vijaynagram, Rayagada, Jagdalpur, Ranchi, Balaghat.

(c) Maintenance of Law and Order on the Railways including the running trains and Railway lines is the responsibility of the State Governments. It is their duty to take suitable measures to tackle this problem. The Railways have taken the following steps:

(i) All the State Governments have been requested to take adequate steps to protect the Railway installations including the track.

(ii) The Chief Security Commissioners have been directed to co-ordinate with the police authiorities so that a concerted effort is made by both the authorities.

(iii) Armed pickets of RPF have been deployed at vulnerable stations/ sections to supplement the preventive measures taken by the Police.